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Mr. Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy  
United States Department of Energy  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abraham,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE IN NEVADA AND OUR NATION.

Everyone involved in the recommendation regarding nuclear waste storage should be familiar with the following: This brief passage, from our pledge of allegiance: "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all," should be foremost in every U. S. citizen's consideration of their fellow citizens.

Therefore, many of us that live in Nevada and California, within a 275 mile radius of Yucca Mountain, would rest much easier if we could depend on the decision makers, to uphold and support, liberty and justice for all. Justice is not to infringe on the liberty of Nevadians and Californians, by storing hazardous waste in an area where many millions would be affected by it. Futhermore, in Nevada's case, its not their waste.

One of the best kept secrets in Washington D. C., and our nation is that, the chalk soil deep under the state of Delaware, is the most effective and ideal type of material to safely contain nuclear waste. Also, some other nations have chalk soil to store their own waste.

Please find enclosed for your perusual a copy, of an information sheet I prepared in 1987. The statistics are based on the resources available to me at that time.

Sincerely,

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## CALIFORNIA NEIGHBORS

Are you relieved, because it appears that the Federal Government has selected, Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for its Nuclear Waste Dump? If you are, then please consider the following information.

Yucca Mountain, is within walking distance (approximately 22½ miles) from the California state line! Nuclear contamination will cross a state line as easily as snow wind, rain and tornados do. Buried nuclear waste will eventually contaminate the aquifers along with the underground streams and rivers, many of which empty into the Colorado River. This river water is then pumped to California as your fresh water supply. Check this out with your water authority.

Contamination is a certainty! If not, why would Senator Harry Reid, of Nevada, on July 30, 1987 introduce a bill that would, among other things, require other states to replace water contaminated by a leak or radioactive waste from the dump? Also, the federal government could also be forced to pay damages to buildings and for "emotional distress". You can bet Senator Reid, has vision and is sincere in his concern for all the people who may be affected by contamination. Unfortunately, NO BILL, will cure nuclear cancer or relieve the suffering of its victims. Have we forgotten and/or never heard of the effects which nuclear testing had on the inhabitants of St. George, Utah, and its environs? St. George, lies approximately 200 miles east of Yucca Mountain.

Within a 275 mile radius of Yucca Mountain, lies a far greater amount of California real estate than the average person realizes. Los Angeles is closer to Nevada's Yucca Mountain, than Reno or Carson City, Nevada's state capitol. The entire population of the State of Nevada, is 665,300 and the population of Las Vegas, Nevada's largest city is 161,200. If my estimate is correct, there are approximately 15,000,000 Californians who live within a 275 mile radius of Yucca Mountain. Wouldn't you agree that 15,000,000 Californians should have some consideration in the location of this nuclear waste dump? Can anyone envision what irreparable problems to the Colorado River water, would do to its users?

Recently Californians took decisive action, when they believed that a paroled former convict, who had been convicted of rape, posed a threat to their families. If this dump, is allowed to be located at Yucca Mtn. or any other location in Nevada, the threat posed by the parolee, is infinitesimal compared to the effects of the possibility of nuclear contamination!

If you value your environmental welfare and that of future generations you had better demand of your elected representatives, that they join with Nevada officials and stop this nuclear waste dump project promptly. All residents of the southwest, especially those who depend on Colorado River water should realize their vital interest in this matter. Please do not put off contacting your officials, do it NOW by letter phone or whatever means at your disposal.

Thank you for your concern,

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